

Helena JSEC Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2009

Members Present:

Carolyn DeYoung	Blue Cross Blue Shield
Gary Willis	Shodair Hospital
Robert Ward	Enterprise Rent-a-Car
Cathy Wood	Student Assistance Foundation
Rosie Walsh	Carroll College
Kelly McArdle	American Federal Savings Bank
Anna Kazmierowski	A2Z Personnel Helena
Deena Korting	A2Z Personnel Helena
Charles Geary	Department of Corrections
Deb Buxbaum	Helena Job Service Workforce Center
Sandy Hamlin	Helena Job Service Workforce Center
Dave Laber	Helena Job Service Workforce Center

Introductions: Gary W. had the attending members introduce themselves.

Minutes: Minutes were approved with one exception. Gary W. made a recommendation that when names are mentioned, a last initial be included. This will help identify people in case we have to go back for historical purposes.

Treasurer Report: Robert W. said that he transferred the \$500.00 scholarship monies to the Mike Bullock Scholarship account from the JSEC checking account. In light of this, the JSEC account has \$5,391.36. The Mike Bullock Scholarship fund is still at \$271.86, minus the \$500.00 check Robert W. gave to Sandy H. for Janyssa O. (our scholarship winner).

Manager's Report: There was no written Manager's Report this month, but Deb B. gave a summary of some changes that have taken place within the Department of Labor. Gary Warren, Field Operations Bureau Chief accepted a position in Moses Lake, Washington as Manager of the One Stop Workforce Center. Mona Amundson, Manager of the Glasgow/Wolf Point Offices is going to be acting Bureau Chief until someone is hired. The Governor's Office should have Bill 465 (stimulus money) signed by Friday.

Deb B. Shared some charts showing that there are 5,177 people registered in our database and 206 job listings. The Helena Job Service door count is actually down a little compared to March but still much higher than last year or the year before.

Scholarship Update: As discussed at our last meeting, Sandy H. called Janyssa O. to offer her choices on how she wanted to receive her award: in-school ceremony, mailed, or at the Innovation in Business Awards Banquet. She chose to accept her \$500.00 award and certificate at the Awards Banquet. Both of her parents plan on attending with her. Sandy H. will confirm their attendance and also ask about any accommodations that her mother may need at the banquet. Anna K. gave us some information about Janyssa O. and why she was chosen to receive the Mike Bullock

Scholarship. Carolyn D. recommended that Anna K. award the Scholarship to Janyssa O. since she is part of the Scholarship Committee. Robert W. confirmed that we would be paying for the guests from the JSEC account. Sandy H. will bring a camera for pictures.

Final Conference Plans: Sandy H. said that Darlene's Business Class made short order of stuffing goodie bags. A sample bag was passed around for everyone to look at. As a small thank you, Sandy H. will send some pens with the thank you note to Darlene's class.

Thursday morning following the Conference there will be a JSEC focus group if anyone is interested in attending. The group will be looking at the Conference surveys and giving feedback about the Conference.

Carolyn D. and Gary W. are signed up to sell 50/50 tickets at the Early Bird. Dave L. has measured off tickets at one yard for easier distribution. Also, it was decided that we would not take goodie bags to the Early Bird as it is too cumbersome for guest to handle them there. They will be available at the Conference.

The Helena JSEC has donated items in the amount of almost \$3,000.00 to the Conference. Sandy H. and Dave L. thanked the members for their time, donations, and working to make a great Conference.

September Meeting: Gary W. mentioned at our last meeting that we should be planning the appreciation luncheon for the Job Service Staff, and Sandy H. noted that we had a breakfast last year. Carolyn D. said that it is an appreciation for the staff so it should be what's best for them and what they would prefer. Gary W. asked Deb B. if she would survey the Job Service Staff to see if they would like breakfast or lunch. Sandy H. will look back at her records to see what Chili O'Brien's Catering charged for last year. Since we are not meeting for the summer, Gary W. thought it would be nice to do some PR and invite new members to the September gathering.

Hidden Agenda: Gary W. asked Dave L. about the 501©(3) plans. Dave L. will be contacting that committee (Gary W., Robert W. and Dave L.).

Deb B. shared about IAWP (International Association of Workforce Professionals), the Job Service Centers' professional organization. In the past you were required to be employed by Employment Security or whatever they called it in that particular state; however, 4 or 5 years ago they changed the name and opened it up to anyone interested in workforce development. Education is the primary component of the organization, but they also look at legislative issues on a state by state basis. They offer scholarships for continuing education, networking, and service projects. Deb B. said they are trying to reach out to our partners, and she thinks JSEC is a perfect fit. Deb B. is the Chapter President. She invites anyone interested in the organization to give her a call and she will be happy to chat with you about it.

Kelly M. said their open house at their new branch bank went well. They will also be having a Business after Hours on May 21st. On Tuesday, May 19th she will be involved in Spirit of Service.

This is a day when several businesses (wearing red t-shirts) fix up homes for the elderly and disabled. Anyone who is unable to do the work themselves or has something that prevents them from doing the work. The group does interior, cutter, painting, raking, trimming, whatever is needed, and at no cost to the homeowner. Because work needs to be completed in one day, projects are picked on their scope and whether or not it can be completed. Kelly M. suggested that if we work with older folks or those who are disabled, to call RMDC (Rocky Mountain Development Council) and get them on the list. Anna K. asked how many volunteers they have. Kelly M. said probably a couple hundred. The group tries to add one or two business a year depending on their administrative support.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Function:

- Job Service Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- September 17, 2009
- Thursday
- 8:00 a.m.
- Helena Job Service
- Room 2 & 3